

former American prisoners of war by honoring the memory of their sacrifices. I also call upon Federal, State, and local government officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

George W. Bush

NOTE: At the time of publication, this Proclamation had not been received by the Office of the Federal Register for assignment of a Proclamation number. An original was not available for the verification of the text of this Proclamation.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 30

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had telephone conversations with King Abdullah II of Jordan, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, and Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, President of the European Union, concerning the situation in the Middle East. He then had a conference call with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

March 31

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush attended an Easter Sunday service at the Canaan Baptist Church in Crawford. Joining them were their daughter, Jenna, the President's father and mother, former President George H.W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush, and Mrs. Bush's mother, Jenna Welch.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

April 1

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings.

The White House announced that the President will welcome NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson for a meeting and dinner on April 9 to discuss cooperation against terrorism and preparations for the upcoming November NATO summit in Prague, the Czech Republic.

April 2

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia concerning the situation in the Middle East and other issues.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Media, PA. Later, he traveled to Philadelphia, PA. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

April 3

The President declared a major disaster in Virginia and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on March 17–20.

April 4

In the morning, the President had telephone conversations with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, President of the European Union, concerning the situation in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, arriving in the evening.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on March 17–21.

April 5

In the morning, the President had a CIA briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with President Ahmet Necdet Sezer of Turkey concerning relief efforts in Afghanistan and the situation in the Middle East.

In the afternoon, the President welcomed Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to the Bush Ranch.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding over the periods of January 23–28 and March 15–20.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson

Released April 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Margaret Spellings on the President's early childhood learning initiative

Fact sheet: President Announces Early Childhood Initiative

Statement by the Press Secretary on the capture of Abu Zubaydah

Released April 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Virginia

Released April 4

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kentucky

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1499, H.R. 2739, and H.R. 3985

Fact sheet: The President's Call to Action on Trade

Released April 5

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Tennessee

Acts Approved by the President

Approved March 27*

H.R. 2356 / Public Law 107–155
Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

Approved March 31

S. 2019 / Public Law 107–156
To extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002

Approved April 4

H.R. 1499 / Public Law 107–157
District of Columbia College Access Improvement Act of 2002

H.R. 2739 / Public Law 107–158

To amend Public Law 107–10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes

H.R. 3985 / Public Law 107–159

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community

* This public law was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.